

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3828

January 29, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the list of minerals regulated by the Department of Environment and Conservation under the Tennessee Mineral Surface Mining Law of 1972. The bill would require statewide regulation of limestone, marble, chert and dimension stone. Replaces references to the authority of the Board of Reclamation Review and the Division of Surface Mining and Reclamation with language indicating the authority of the Water Quality Control Board to regulate surface mining activities. Requires the restoration of recreational trails impacted by surface mining to be at least the same quality and use as before such mining began. Requires the department to establish procedures to notify individuals engaged in surface mining in areas used for recreational activities including hiking, mountain biking, and hunting to ensure the safety of persons engaged in such activities.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumption:

- The mining of limestone, marble, chert and dimension stone are currently regulated under the Water Quality Control Act. As a result, any increase in state expenditures to alter the form of such regulation is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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